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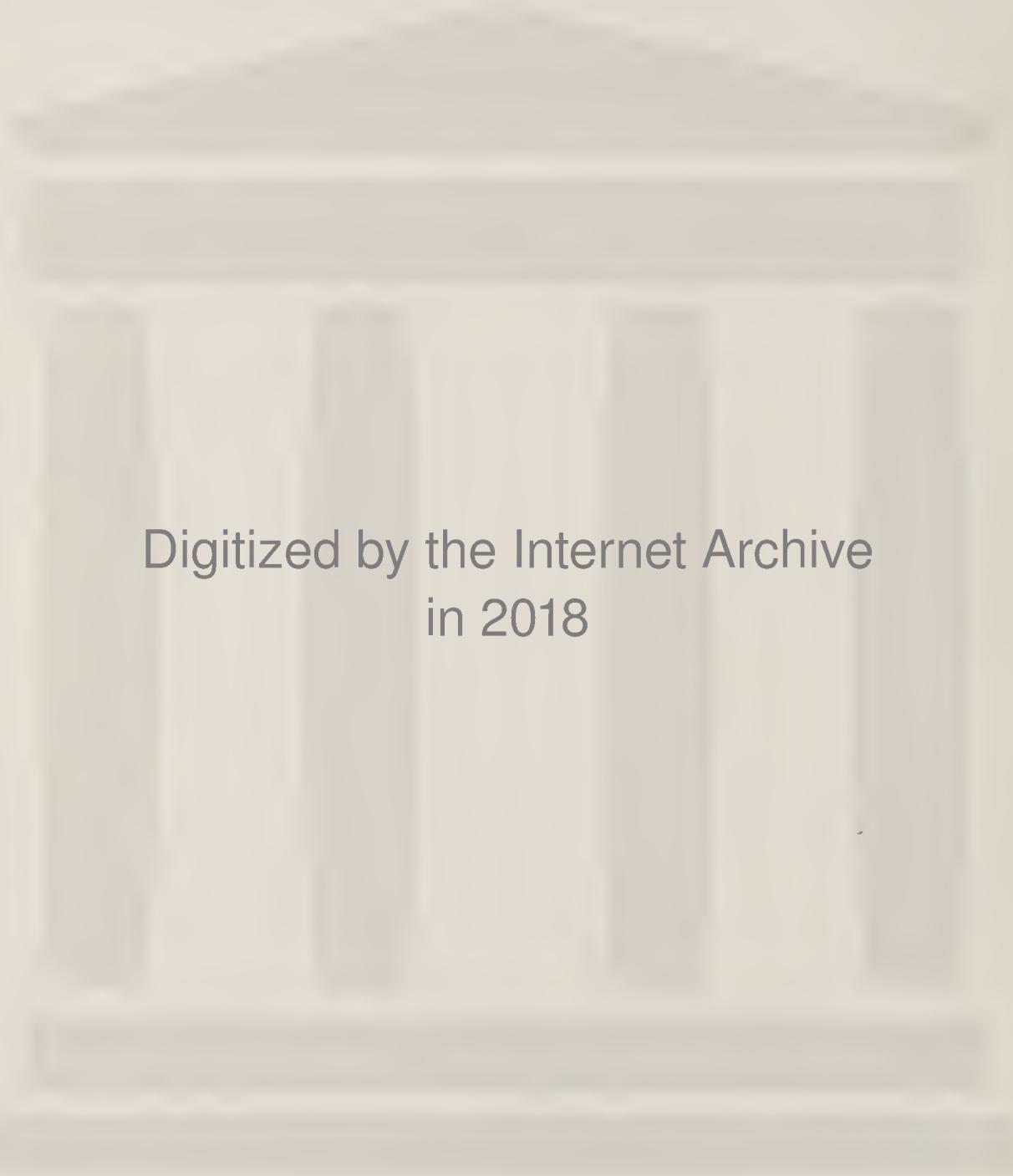
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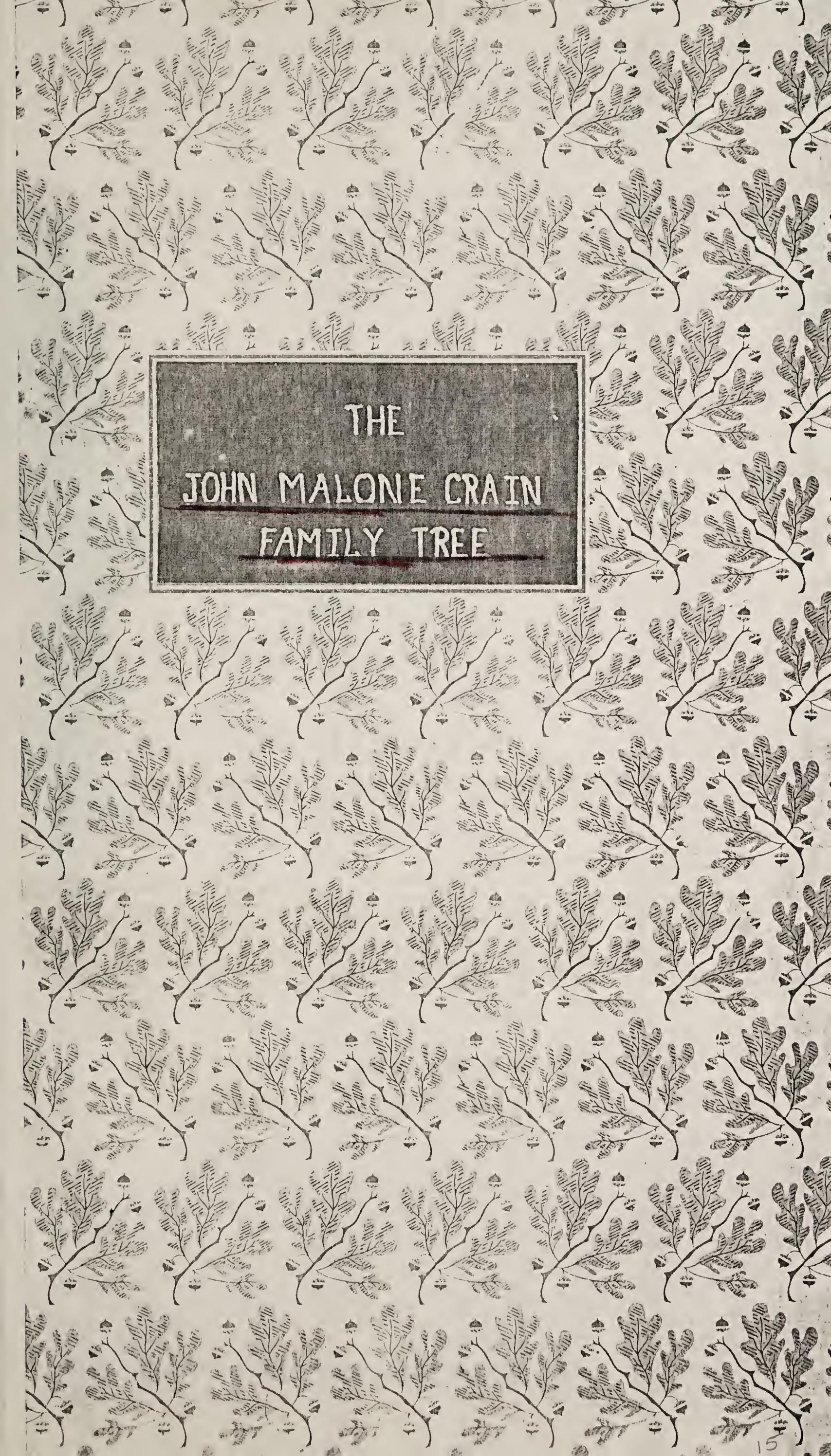


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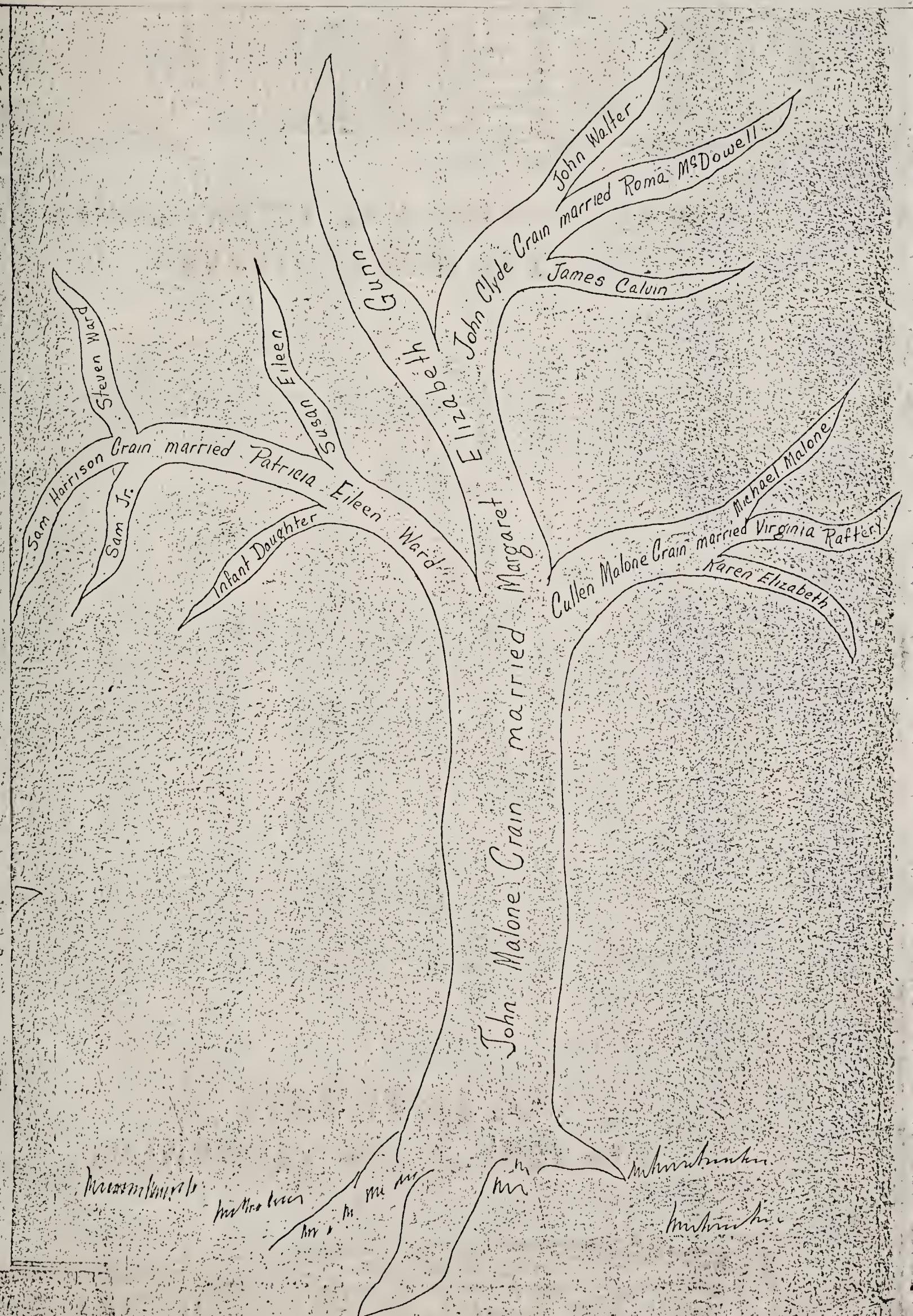


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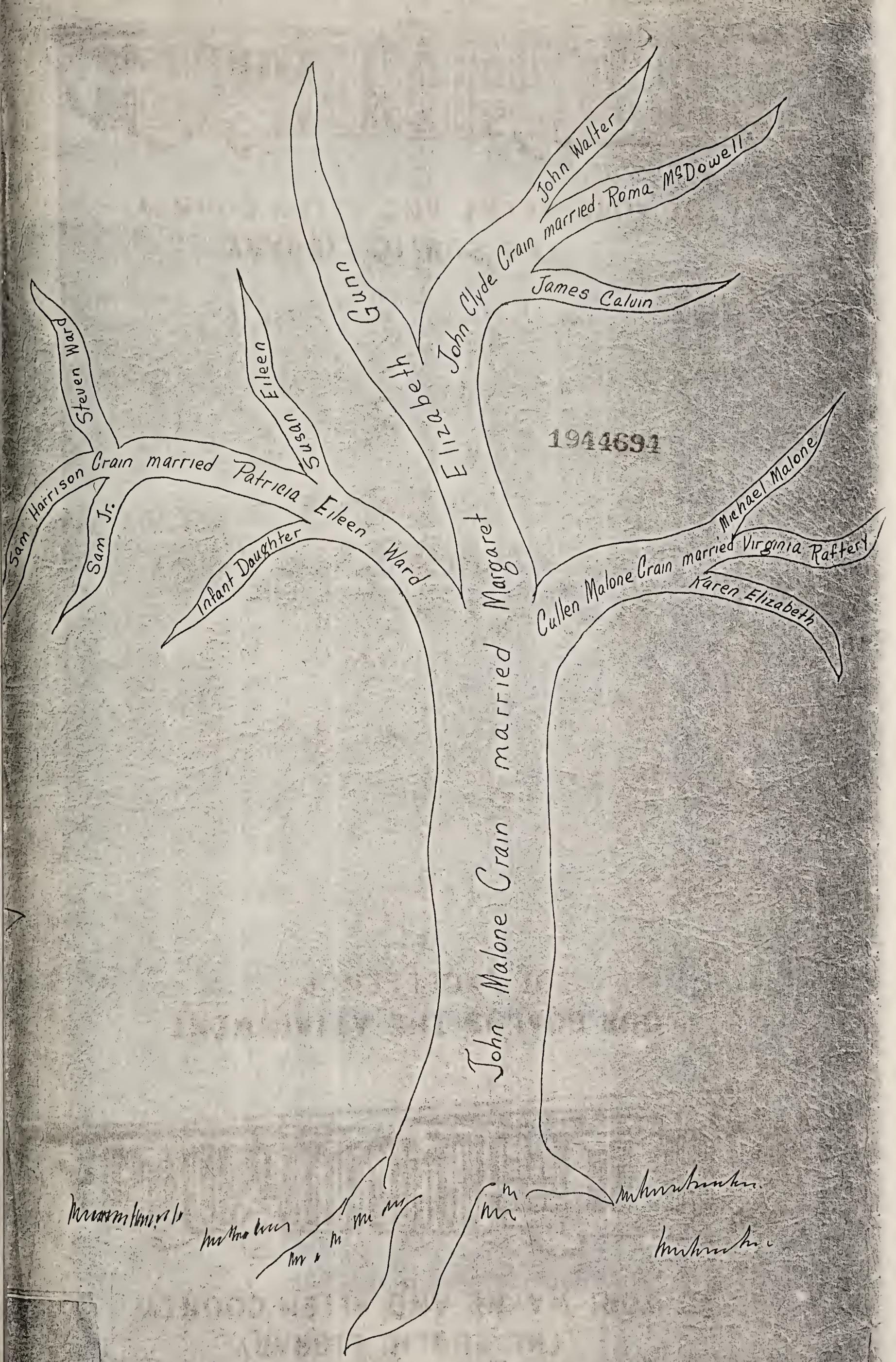
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Dedicated to John Malone Crain, my husband, for his noble, discreet, and exemplary Christian life, and to the loving memory of all his relatives -- past, present and future.

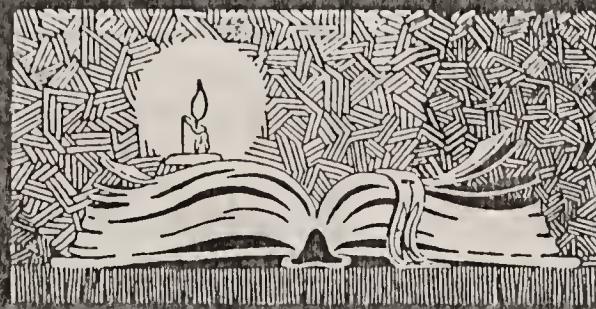
Special thanks are extended to my son, Sam, who drafted the chart comprising more than 250 years and to his wife, Pat, who did the typing and numerous other favors; and to my beloved sister-in-law, Violet, and to all relatives who contributed any information.

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JOHN MALONE CRAIN

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JOHN MALONE CRAIN FAMILY HISTORY

Joel Crain of North Carolina, born 1762, died 1844, was the grandson of one of the two Crain men who came from Wales and settled in this state about 1700. He was the youngest of seven brothers, and all served in the Revolutionary War, some receiving pensions at the age of 75 for having been in the regiment from North Carolina. William Crain, a son, was born to him in 1796 at Hardeman County, Tennessee where Joel moved in reconstruction days. William married Nancy Whitaker April 3, 1824, and to them was born a son, John Whitaker Crain, January 22, 1829, near Grand Junction in Hardeman County, Tennessee. William died in 1842 in Hudsonville, Mississippi across the border from Grand Junction, Tennessee. His wife, Nancy, and he both died within a few months of each other.

Nancy, the mother of John Whitaker Crain, was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Whitaker (her maiden name was Hammond). They married in Kentucky, lived in middle Tennessee, Lincoln County, later went to North Alabama and finally moved to Texas in 1833, settling near San Augustine, and afterwards in Nacogdoches County. In 1836 William Whitaker moved across the line in Louisiana but he came back home to look after his Texas holdings, took sick while here and died in 1836.

John Whitaker Crain was named for his great grandfather on his mother's side of the house. This ancestor was a Baptist preacher born in North Carolina, twice married, and had several children. John came to Texas in April 1842, when he was 13, while Texas was still a Republic. After the death of his parents, he and the other children, Martha Ann, Newell, and Elizabeth, were brought by Joel and Newell Crain, his father's brothers, to Marshall, Texas where Joel reared them. Later Joel and family moved to Nacogdoches County. The two uncles, Joel Crain and Newell Crain, were in the Battle of San Jacinto (1836) and on the San Jacinto Monument appear their names.

When John Whitaker was just a boy, he burned the brick and built the first brick building in Marshall. On May 11, 1853, he married Margaret Mariah McKnight who died in 1854, in childbirth and the daughter, born then also, died. She made a quilt of roses bordered in rosebuds which is owned by John Malone Crain.

On November 12, 1857, John Whitaker Crain married Maneurah Pheriba Harrison at Alto, Texas. She was born in Alabama, August 6, 1835, and was the daughter of Samuel T. and Ann Harrison. These Harrisons were relatives of the two Harrisons who served as Presidents of our country. Later Maneurah's parents moved to Texas prior to her marriage. Her father, a farmer, served in the State Legislature and voted against Texas seceding from the United States because he maintained the South was too small and not adequately prepared to go to war against the rest of the country.

Other children of Samuel T. and Ann Harrison were Amy, Elmira, Almena, Mirza, John Malone, and Absalom Clinton. John Whitaker Crain and Maneurah went to live on their farm near Nacogdoches, Texas. They were members of the historical Old North Church (Baptist) four miles north of Nacogdoches. For many years he was moderator of this Association, comprising various counties. This church was outstanding in leadership in the early days for the Texas Baptists.

All six sons of John W. and Maneurah were born on this farm about seven miles north of Nacogdoches. Their names are Edwin Harrison, Newell Walton, Albert Mirza, Henry Waters, John Malone, and William Absalom. When Will was about two years of age, his mother was in bad health. Her people lived in Alto, so John W. moved his family to Alto and rented a house from her brother. They lived there three years.

John Whitaker Crain had land in several places. He had two sections of land in Old Spanish Fort in Montague County on the Red River and land in Cook County, at Nacogdoches, and in Johnson County. Before the town of Spanish Fort was built, John W. owned the land where the townsite is. When John Whitaker Crain freed his slaves, he gave to the head of each family 40 acres of land in east Texas. Years later one of the slaves wrote Dr. Walton Crain, telling how he had accumulated a fortune of \$40,000.00 from this nest egg of 40 acres and expressing his gratitude for the start in life given him by his generous master.

In 1880 John W. Crain and family moved to Spanish Fort, when John Malone Crain was eight years of age. They hauled their possessions in wagons, driven by oxen and drove a herd of cattle from Nacogdoches to Spanish Fort. To induce Maneurah's brother, Dr. Malone Harrison, to move with them so that Maneurah would not be without any of her people and also would have a doctor near her, John Whitaker Crain gave that brother 200 acres of rich Red River farm land.

Having three or four rent houses on the farm, they moved into one of these while they built the main house. The house was constructed of lumber, hauled 50 miles from Henrietta. It was two stories with five rooms downstairs, and two bedrooms and a hall upstairs. The boys slept upstairs, and John Malone can remember how his mother came up every night to kiss her sons good-night, before she retired. He has a princess feather quilt which his mother made. The family lived in the new house eight years before Maneurah died suddenly one morning, January 23, 1888, at the breakfast table. She was then buried at Spanish Fort.

After his mother's death, Ed and Ada Crain, his wife, moved in so that Ada could run the house and take care of the boys and John Whitaker. They stayed there for eight years. Walton, Henry, and John Malone went to Baylor. Henry and John attended only two years while Walton continued his medical studies and received his Doctor's Degree from the Missouri Medical College.

About 1899, John Whitaker went from Spanish Fort to Nocona to live with the family of Dr. and Mrs. Crain. Being bothered with some heart trouble, it was thought the doctor could attend to him best of the the six boys. About 1903, he sold his farm and divided the assets with the sons. One day he fell off of Dr. Crain's front porch and hurt himself. From then on he went in a wheel chair.

He was ever alert and interested to the last in everything done by Dr. Crain, his wife, Lelia, their nine children, their friends, his church, and community. He was an inveterate reader of daily papers and discussed State and National politics with his doctor-son. On January 12, 1912, he died with an attack of pneumonia and was buried in Nocona Cemetery. Dr. Crain, at his father's request, had his mother's remains brought from Spanish Fort and buried beside that of his father.

When John Malone was 21, he went to work in Spanish Fort in a general store as a clerk. Both owners died after a few months, and Ed (who owned a grocery store at that time), John Malone, Albert, and later Henry, went in together to buy the stock. The younger boys gave notes, and the father helped out. They combined the general store with Ed's grocery store to form a general mercantile store. They drew many customers from Oklahoma in the Indian Territory. After four years, having accumulated some cash, J. M. went on the train with old time cowman, Mr. Tom Wilson (uncle and foster father of Claude Wilson) out to New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado to look for a ranch. Mr. Wilson, being in bad health, had J. M. do most of the investigating. In February he found two ranches about 12 miles apart, 65 miles southwest of Silver City, New Mexico. Wilson and Ed Crain went back out and made a deal for Muleshoe Ranch, 160 acres with water rights, paying \$1000. The cattle were extra for \$15 a head. After the contract was made, Henry and John, who was 26 years of age, went to the ranch. They counted out three or four hundred head of cattle, mostly White Faced Herefords. Wilson bought the SI Ranch where he lived as it had more improvements. It had an adobe house and four different watering places.

John and Henry batched at Muleshoe Ranch for two years after which Henry went back to Texas and married Nellie Berryman, and brought her back to the ranch, where they lived four years.

J. M. had bought out Henry's share of the Muleshoe Ranch, and previously Henry and J. M. had traded their share in the mercantile store at Spanish Fort for Ed's share in the Muleshoe Ranch. J. M. sold the Muleshoe Ranch in order to buy Mrs. Wilson's 2/3 share of the SI Ranch for \$4000. After her husband's death, he moved in with Claude Wilson who retained his 1/3 share.

SI Ranch was also called "Stage Stand" as it had been the stopping place between Silver City and Mogollon Mining Camp. The adobe house had accomodations for overnight guests and had a place to keep the horses. They had five acres they could irrigate and usually planted alfalfa. They had an orchard, mostly

pears. He owned this two or three years before moving to Goodnight at the age of 38.

While in New Mexico, J. M. came back to Texas to spend a month every other year with his father who was living with Dr. Crain at Nocona, and visited his other brothers and families.

J. M. put \$2000 in a gold mine owned by Robert Sipe, an uncle of Mrs. Claude Wilson. It was five miles from the ranch. Later J. M. traded his and Henry's share for 80 acres in Deming, New Mexico, J. M's 3/5 share being 48 acres.

J. M. made several trips to California to sell cattle and accompanied them in the freight cars. One time J. M. bought 200 head of horses for \$5.00 a head. He shipped a carload or two down to San Antonio. The second shipment didn't sell well, so he took them to Atlanta, Texas. It rained and rained, and he couldn't get anyone to talk to him about horses. He became acquainted with a man who knew horses and offered to take them to Louisiana to sell them. The man claimed he was robbed on the way back, and J. M. had to "get the law on him" to get his money back.

One of J. M.'s most interesting trips while he was ranching was the trip to the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904.

J. M. sold Stage Stand for about \$20,000, but owed 1/3 of the cattle price to Claude Wilson. He came to Goodnight in 1909 where his brothers Albert and Henry lived, having moved here to send their children to a good school. At that time Goodnight Baptist College had the highest rating educationally of any school in the Panhandle. Mirza and Annella, Albert's children, and Maurice, Henry's older son, attended the primary school here.

In the fall of 1909, J. M. with the late Dr. T. B. Miller, Col. Charles Goodnight, his brother Henry, and Henry's father-in-law, Newton Berryman, and others organized a Board of Directors for Goodnight State Bank which opened its doors for business January 1, 1910. He put about \$6000 of his own money in this venture where he stayed for 17 years.

In the spring of 1910, he met Miss Margaret Elizabeth Gunn, Latin and German teacher in Goodnight Baptist College. September 4, they were married at her parents' home in Decatur, Texas. He brought his bride to the home he had built for them prior to their marriage.

It was a story and a half white frame house with a rounded porch in front and a screened-in back porch. The house was slightly elevated and was set off by a native grass front lawn 100 feet wide and 50 feet deep, enclosed with a white picket fence. American elm and maple trees gave abundant shade.

A concrete walk came up the front and around the side to the back door. The first year the east side was planted with blue grass of Margaret's choosing and the west side with the native grass, J. M's choice. All around the house were flower beds of roses, dahlias, cannas, altheas, violets, and sweetpeas.

Underneath the house was a concrete basement with shelves for storage of the many preserved and canned foods and meats. On the first floor west side, were the library, the dining room, and the kitchen; the east side contained a large entrance hall, master bedroom, and bath, and the stair which came from the back hall. Upstairs were three large bedrooms.

In the kitchen the coal stove furnished cooking, heat, and hot water. In two or three years J. M. bought the quicker kerosene stove for cooking, but kept the coal stove for heat and hot water. A large pantry off the kitchen was not only storage but the baking center. A trap door led from the pantry to the basement.

A pot-bellied coal stove in the dining room heated the rest of the house. The dining room was the center of the family activity, the reading and sewing room, with round window seats where the boys stored their toys.

The homeplace after improvements had three acres with 65 fruit trees, a small vineyard, a garden, a truck patch, producing pinto beans and black-eyed peas, sudan grass for summer and wheat in winter for the cow and the horse to graze.

Each year the J. M.'s raised 150 chickens and canned 600 quarts of vegetables and fruits which they kept in the basement. The fruits most relished were four bushels of Cling Elberta peaches shipped each year in a trunk on the train from Margaret's father's orchard in Decatur; the wild plums which always entailed a picnic and outing to go "milk" the plums into the tub underneath the tree; the wild grapes gathered from the JA Ranch, reached by buggy, canned for juice and jellies.

After cold weather set in, J. M. would butcher a fattened calf and hang the meat on the screen-in back porch to freeze and cure prior to eating. Also, he would buy a half hog. The cured ham and shoulders were hung on rafters in the basement. Bacon was kept cold on the porch. The scraps were made into sausage, spiced and stuffed in long sacks, or fried out and put in jars, then covered with lard rendered from the hog fat and stored on the basement shelves. The lard was used for cakes, pies, breads, and frying.

In this home were born their three sons--John Clyde, on July 6, 1911; Sam Harrison, October 26, 1917, and Cullen Malone, September 10, 1920. At marriage, J. M. owned half of a 220 acre farm midway between Goodnight and Claude. Two years later, he bought the other half from his brother, Henry, which he owns today. J. M. bought and traced with cattle. In 1913 he and his brother Will and some Goodnight friends bought the Goodnight General Mercantile Store. Will, his wife Slaughter, their daughter, Lelia, and son, Horace, moved to Goodnight from Purcell, Oklahoma, where he was manager of this store until it was traded in 1919 for 1127 acres of land in Deaf Smith County located 20 miles north of Hereford and 17 miles southwest from Vega, comprising a long section of 650 acres and the West Farm (three-quarter section) of 477 acres which is three miles northwest from the section.

A few years later he bought all this acreage which he owns now. The Claude Farm of 220 acres and the West Farm of 477, are dry land farms while the section has two irrigation wells, one a six inch and the other an eight inch with a five room ranch house with bath and entrance hall. After living at Goodnight 17 years, the J. M. family moved to Claude where he was cashier of the Claude First State Bank for eight years. While living here, John C. finished Clarendon High School in 1926 and Clarendon College, June 1928, and attended Baylor University one year where his scholastic standing was high.

Sam was graduated from Claude High School and was Editor of the school annual his senior year. Cullen finished his sophomore year at Claude High School.

Claude had two banks which were obviously too many for the times. An attempt was made to buy out the other bank since it handled considerably less business. This proved impractical due to the high value placed on their building. The other bank offered to buy the State Bank's stock at \$1.35 for every dollar of stock, and this was accepted in 1935.

In August of 1935, J. M. moved to Amarillo so he could be nearer the center of his farming interest and Sam could attend Amarillo Junior College from which he was the highest graduate in May, 1937. Cullen went to Amarillo High School where he finished cum summa laude in May, 1937.

In the fall of 1937, Sam entered Texas University where he was graduated as an Electrical Engineer in 1940. Cullen attended Amarillo Junior College for one and one half years. In order to play on the Texas University Tennis Team, he left his senior spring term to have the three years on this team. He earned a varsity letter in tennis and played in some of the major tournaments where he had the pleasure of playing against the best players of the day, such as the national title holder, Bobby Riggs. In 1942, he was graduated as an Electrical Engineer cum summa laude.

June 15, 1938, John C. married his childhood sweetheart, Roma McDowell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McDowell of Goodnight. This ceremony took place at the church parlor of the Pampa Baptist Church. At this time he was working for the Texas State Highway Department at Amarillo. The J. C.'s built their first home at 1214 West 12th Street, Amarillo, where John Walter was born July 11, 1944, and James Calvin, July 6, 1948. Before Johnny's birth, John changed his job and after attending Internal Revenue School in Washington D. C. a few weeks, he began working with the Internal Revenue Service in Amarillo.

In June, 1952, he was transferred to the Austin office where he stayed until 1955. He was sent to Corpus Christi where he and family lived until 1957. Then, he was promoted to Chief Reviewer's Staff of Internal Revenue Service for the southern half of Texas in Austin where he lives now at his home, 1413 Cloverleaf Drive. He is a member of the Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, and a 32nd degree Mason.

Roma is a life member in her Methodist's Women's work and quite active in Eastern Star work, being now Conductress of her chapter. She is a home maker, excellent cook, and artistic in everything she does. One word "precious" describes her best of all. The sons belong to the Methodist Church. Johnny is a senior in Austin High School. An avid reader, he is majoring in history (especially Texas), physical education and political science with high scholastic status and plans now to be a physician. Jimmy has a letter for cornet playing in the band, maintains a high scholastic standing, is in the eighth grade and majors in music and athletics. He solos frequently for his church. In 1960, he was voted the most valuable player of the Austin Minor Little League and was on the All Star Team and plans to be a Civil Lawyer.

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After graduation from Texas University, Sam began working for Westinghouse at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Later he was sent by this company to Atlanta, Georgia. On September 4, 1942, he married, in St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, Patricia Ward, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Ward, of this city. This is also the anniversary of his parents and the announcement of this wedding was made August 7 on her birthday. Before this marriage, he was transferred by Westinghouse to Jacksonville, Florida where the S. H.'s moved after a wedding trip to Daytona Beach, Florida. They lived here three years prior to moving to Amarillo, Texas in August, 1945, where he is an Electrical Contractor and a registered Engineer. Their home which the S. H.'s built is at 2106 Parker Street. Sam Harrison, Jr., born October 9, 1945, died October 13, 1945, infant daughter born and died January 8, 1947, Steven Ward, born December 25, 1950, and Susan Eileen, born July 25, 1954, are their children.

Sam and Pat belong to the Westminster Presbyterian Church where she is quite active in the women's work and teaches in Sunday School. He is a Trustee of the church. She is a member and past President of Junior Travel Study Club and is First Vice-President of the Wolfin Parent Teacher Association. She is well read and most alert in all home activities and everything else she does. Steven is in the fifth grade and Susan in the second grade for 1961-62. Both are doing well in their school work where he majors in arithmetic and athletics while she loves her art and music. The S. H.'s have a cottage at Palo Duro Club where the family would like to spend many holidays, weekends, and much of the summer; swimming, hunting, and fishing.

Cullen, after finishing the University of Texas, went to work for Philco in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in June. He attended his brother Sam's wedding in Atlanta, Georgia, and while there met Pat's friend, Virginia Raftery, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rafter, Westfield, New Jersey. This meeting culminated in a romance so Cullen and "Ginny" were married at Westfield, January 16, 1943, in a local Episcopal church. Prior to this marriage he was employed by University of Texas to teach electronics and radar beginning the mid-term in January, so this caused the wedding date to be set earlier than planned.

He taught at the University for $14\frac{1}{2}$ years and served in the Navy two years of this time. While here, he was president of the Austin Exchange Club. Michael Malone was born August 16, 1944, while the date of Karen Elizabeth's birthday is September 23, 1949. In June, 1957, the C. M.'s moved to Santa Monica, California, where he is employed by the Rand Corporation, as a radio engineer. They live in their home at 463-17th Street, and he has membership in his home town Exchange Club.

Cullen still plays tennis, being a member of the Rand Team. He and Ginny went to Europe last fall, and he went again this fall on a business trip for Rand. He is listed in Who's Who in Engineering with international fame as a scientist, engineer, and pedagogue. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas. Ginny is public spirited, is president of the Exchanette Club, well read on modern books, serves on the hospital and library boards and is quite active in her Episcopal Church. Mike is an

inveterate reader, likes history, athletics, and plays the clarinet. A senior in high school, he is considering law for his college major. Karen, too, is fond of athletics, majors in piano, plays the clarinet and guitar and is most energetic about homework. She enters Junior High this year.

After J. M.'s health failed, he decided to rent out his farms. Sam now supervises them and tends to all business matters for his father.

In 1938, J. M. built the present two story brick home at 2107 Harrison Street, and moved into it February 17, 1939. Downstairs on the south side are combination living room and dining room, combination kitchen and breakfast and utility room. On the north side is the entrance hall with stairway, master bedroom, and master bathroom. Upstairs has a full hall off which are two bedrooms with connecting bath on south side while on the north, is the den and sewing room with connecting bath. Twelve closets are quite an addition to the livability of this place.

In landscaping the main attractions for the front and south yard are two large Chinese elm trees on the parking, a blue spruce, blue grass, two cedars, different euonymous's, mentor barberry, border of American boxwood, water-melon crepe myrtle, orange and red pyracantha and roses. The shrubs south of the house are espaliered, as a diamond, cross, triangle, and rectangles. In the backyard are mainly roses and Bermuda grass; border plants of liriope, teucrium, petunias, and strawberries; Spanish broom, Mahonia, Japanese boxwood, Iodenz, Christmas rose and pink oxalis with the beauty bush as the focal point. Two garages and a junk house are under one roof with the clothes line concrete blocks beneath and a small garden east of this where asparagus, shallots, orange mint, parsley, lettuce and tomatoes grow. The alley has various irises.

August 19, 1960, J. M. and Margaret celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary which really was September 4. Due to the grandchildren being in school at that time it was held about a month early. Present were the three sons and their wives with all six of the grandchildren. J. M. had five brothers and all but Ed celebrated this same observance. The wedding dinner was held at the S. H.'s, 2106 Parker, on Friday, August 19, 1960.

The home was agog with flowers from the S. H.'s and J. M.'s gardens. Two photographers were on hand to take the pictures for this occasion.

The honorees were standing at the appropriately decorated dining table with the wedding cake of white with many wedding bells on one side and the crystal epergne with an arrangement of 80 roses from the J.M.'s rose garden on the other side. The table cloth of cut eyelet embroidery was from Okinawa. Another picture of the 14 Crains was taken in the family room. J. M. and his three sons in the living room; Margaret and her three daughters-in-law in the kitchen; all six grandchildren in stairstep fashion in the breakfast room, and another of C. M., Ginny, Mike, Johnny, and Jimmy in the kitchen were snapped. All but the picture of the entire family were published with the write-up of this occasion in the Amarillo Globe Times.

Conversations were centered on politics, sports, business, homes, family history, and friends. Karen played a few selections on the piano while some charades were observed, seeing which son could kick the highest. At eating time, the grown-ups were seated at the dining table while the grandchildren ate at the adjacent breakfast table.

Thursday evening the S. H.'s honored their parents and all relatives with a sumptuous dinner at the Amarillo Country Club. Saturday was spent at the S.H.'s cottage in the Palo Duro Club with all present. Boating, swimming and eating steaks were the specialties for this day. This well celebrated occasion with all the family here will forever make this a most memorable event for the J. M.'s.

Sunday morning, the J. C.'s returned to their Austin home taking Mike and Karen as their guests. Cullen and Ginny left by plane for New York to visit her relatives and then they embarked on their European trip.

In his earlier years, J. M. was quite active in the Masonic Lodge, being a past Worshipful Master of the Goodnight Lodge attending Grand Lodge each fall at Waco and teaching these courses in the Masonic work to his own lodge and the surrounding ones. He served as superintendent of Goodnight



Baptist Sunday School and had the first A-I Baptist Sunday School in this area. He was also secretary for the Goodnight Baptist College Board and president of the local Chamber of Commerce. At Claude, he taught the Men's Bible Class and was Treasurer of the Baptist Church. In his business dealings he was ever rated as a man of sterling character, honest, and he took special interest in helping the underprivileged, also widows and orphans. He was quite a hunter, having killed every kind of wild game in southwest New Mexico except the panther. In the Panhandle his chief game was the quail.

Ever a voracious reader of political affairs, current events, religious articles, new books with emphasis on historical volumes, he was a source of information to his relatives and friends.

His twinkling eyes, his unusual sense of humor, and his straight posture endeared him to all who knew him. Among his closest friends were Claude Wilson, Dr. T. B. Miller, Dr. W. H. McKenzie, and Col. Charles Goodnight. Col. Goodnight's most prized gifts to the J. M.'s were the grandfather's clock to be handed down to John, eldest son of J. M. Crain and in direct line to the eldest son of each succeeding generation, one of his two favorite buffalo heads, and a horse to Sam and Cullen.

In summation, a remark about him as stated by his beloved pastor, Dr. W. H. McKenzie is given: "J. M. Crain, Amarillo, and O. S. Lattimore, Fort Worth and Austin, I consider the best and greatest laymen I ever had as members of the various churches I pastored. I think myself highly honored to have known and worked with two such outstanding men."

GUNNS

The Gunns originally came from Wales to Virginia. The first one recorded was Thomas Gunn born 17_—(?) died 1777, who lived in Amelia County, Virginia and married Sarah . Their son, Elisha, was born 1759 and died 1839 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, having spent most of his life in Virginia, his natal state. He first married a Miss Hawthorne whose distinguished relative born later was Nathaniel Hawthorne. To them were born several children, one of whom was Richard Gunn.

Elisha's first wife died. In March 1816, in Virginia, he married Miss Cox and they moved to Rocky Comfort, Bedford County, Arkansas. Finally they decided to make Texas their home and while en route, she died.

The son, Richard, later moved to Macon, Georgia, where an outstanding relative by the name of Gunn lived and was one of the founders of Mercer University, the leading Baptist School in Georgia, which is to that state what Baylor University is to Texas.

To Margaret Tucker Hill he was married. Her first husband was Joe Hill who died. She had a brother who was one of the founders of the Ku Klux Klan. Later he moved to East Texas at Midlothian as the organization failed to live up to its commitments, he thought. Abraham Lincoln was her first cousin. To Richard and Margaret who lived most of their lives at Meridian, Mississippi, were born fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy. The twelve who lived, married, and reared families were: Charlie, Joe, Cullen, Martha, Mary, Georgia, Jerusha, Jensie, Roxie, Livy, Thames, and Lena Mae.

Cullen Boleyn Gunn, born December 27, 1864, at Macon, Georgia, died February 6, 1924, at Decatur, Texas. In early life he worked on the farm his father bought from the Gillespie Estate, his wife's grandfather, which was a large plantation north of Meridian, Mississippi. At the age of 20, he came to Texas and married Sarah Ellen Vance, a former Mississippi friend, on December 3, 1884. Sarah Ellen was born May 20, 1860 at Meridian, Mississippi, and died December 27, 1933 at Decatur, Texas. To this union were born three children: Margaret Elizabeth, November 21, 1885 at Garvin; John Charles Claude, September 29, 1890 at Cottondale, died October 26, 1954 at McKinney Veterans' Hospital, a resident of Decatur; and Clyde Edward, born June 18, 1893 and died October 20, 1894 at Cottondale where he is buried. C. B., Sarah, and John are buried in Decatur Cemetery.

John married Lollie Halbert December 29, 1932 at Milam, Texas, in her parents' home. He worked in his father's drugstore and later had insurance business and a Ford automobile agency. To them were born Jonnie Lou on October 25, 1933 and Charles on January 19, 1935. Charles married Ruth Dean and they have a daughter named Cathy, born August 1960. Charles is a research chemist at Diamond Alkali Company, Pasadena, Texas. Jonnie is head of the biology department in Brazosport High School, Freeport, Texas. Lollie is head of the biology department and the Counselor for the student body at Nacogdoches High School, and owns her home.

When first married Cullen and Sarah lived on a farm near Garvin. When she inherited \$2500 from her grandfather's estate, they bought a farm three miles southeast of Cottondale on a creek so Cullen could raise sugar cane as well as cotton and corn. They had a nice herd of cattle.

Dr. Morton, a physician at Cottondale and a graduate of Tulane Medical School, recognized Cullen's ability so he insisted that C. B. move from the farm to Cottondale and buy one half interest in his drugstore. In order to do this Cullen sold their farm and moved to Cottondale, running the drugstore for six years. While residing here he was elected one of the first trustees of Northwest Texas Baptist Institute, later called Decatur Baptist College, located at Decatur, which position he held until his death. No doubt this caused him to think deeply of the education of his children.

After Clyde's death in 1894, Cullen was elected County Tax Collector so the C. B.'s moved from Cottondale to Decatur, the county seat. One year before his term expired as County Tax Collector, he bought half interest in the drugstore at Decatur with Mr. Hayter. Within two years, he went into the drug business by himself and followed this occupation until one year before his death. At that time, he and his son, John, went into the insurance business.

His mother said of him, "He was the brainiest and the best of my fourteen children." He loved his church work and was elected superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School the first year he moved to Decatur which position he filled for many years. In politics he was alert. When a governor came to town, if he only interviewed two men, C. B. was one of them. His closest friends were the brothers John Hogg of Decatur and the famous Governor Jim Hogg and Dr. J. L. Ward, his first Baptist pastor in Texas and President of Decatur Baptist College for many years.

The late Mr. North, a former Decatur citizen and editor of the Fort Worth Star Telegram for a long time, told C. B.'s daughter prior to her father's death that he wanted the sole privilege of writing his obituary in the Star Telegram as he thought C. B. lived the most useful life he ever knew.

Dr. Ray, a teacher in Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth and pastor of the Baptist Church at Seventh and James Streets, Waco, for many years, related to C. B.'s sister, Mamie, that he numbered C. B. among the great of Texas Baptists.

His funeral procession was said to have been one of the longest and largest that ever went to Decatur Cemetery.

Margaret and John both were graduated from Decatur Baptist College, although in different years. She majored in public speaking and piano, too. In 1909 she got an A. B. Degree cum summa laude from Baylor University and did post graduate in piano. She taught school four years to get to go to Baylor those two years. After graduation, she came to Goodnight to teach Latin and German in Goodnight Baptist College. Here she met John Malone Crain, and they were married September 4, 1910 at her parents' home in Decatur. Cooking, home making, and rearing their three sons were her main activities for years.

In early life prior to marriage, she majored in piano. While rearing her family, organization work such as teaching in Sunday School, Federation and Parent Teacher Association were her side lines. For thirteen years, she served on the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers Board. Parliamentary law, piano, programs, and publicity were her main activities in all organization work. In later life gardening has been her hobby, especially roses. She is a life judge in the National Council of State Garden Clubs and an apprentice judge in the American Rose Society.

VANCES

The first known about the Vances was that one named Vans came from France with William the Conqueror of Normandy. Vans people were Lords and Dukes, forming a distinguished part in European history before the advent of Charlemagne. Vans settled in southern Scotland. While residing here, the spelling of the name was changed from Vans to Vance. Reverend Vance fled from Scotland to Ireland during the religious persecution. His son, Dr. Launcelot Vance, the surgeon, afterwards the Colonel of the Colemine Regiment, died of excessive fatigue within the walls of Derry County during the memorable siege in 1689. The only record given of this lineage is of John Vance, born 1712, died 1799, whose ancestors had obtained the lease of the Lands of Coach.

Later, three brothers, Edward, David, and William Vance from Derry County, Ireland, came to the United States. Edward settled in Mississippi, David in North Carolina and William in Missouri.

Edward was born in Derry County, Ireland, December 18, 1833, and died in Decatur, Texas, July 7, 1884 where he is buried. He married Elizabeth Gillespie, the daughter of a wealthy English plantation owner who lived north of Meridian. Four children--William, John, Sarah, and Edward-- were born to this couple. Edward fought in the Civil War while his wife Elizabeth died at the childbirth of Ed. An Aunt Mary reared these children until their father returned from war. When Sarah was five years of age, her father married again. He owned a farm north of Meridian which in 1952 was bearing figs from trees he planted prior to 1880. In 1882, he moved to Texas, having first settled in Fort Worth, buying the land where the court house now stands. With no timber there, he felt Fort Worth would never make a town, so he decided to make Decatur his home town. His son, John, died in Mississippi while the other three married into the Gunn family---Ed marrying Mamie (Mary); William, her twin sister, Mattie (Martha); and Sarah, Cullen. These sons and the son-in-law settled some twenty miles south of Decatur on farms they had bought.

Sarah had a radiant complexion to go with her beautiful brown eyes and lovely dark hair. Sarah Ellen was a home somebody that loved best of all her family, her garden, and her flowers. This homesite at Decatur consisted of one-half block with a good orchard, garden, and many shrubs and blooming flowers, most of which were roses. Every tree, and there were several, for this space, bore either fruit or nuts. All extra fruit was canned for winter eating. Her main hobby otherwise was needlework such as tatting, point lace, battenburg, and quilting.

As a graduate of Meridian Girls College (Mississippi) where her wealthy grandfather, Mr. Gillespie, sent all his granddaughters, she was well read, majoring on astronomy, English, the Bible and religious reading. One of her main conversations was about the sky to her children and grandchildren. A grandson, Cullen, has her astronomy book she studied in college. He states that so many things scientists think are new now, were discussed in this book edited more than 100 years ago. She was the mother of Margaret Gunn. She and her husband had strong family ties. They felt they should help their relatives (her brothers and his sisters) send their children through Decatur Baptist College. Several of them stayed at the C. B.'s home while they went to college and helped with the home work and in the garden.

In church, she centered her activities and labors in the Women's Missionary Society. She worked in the Eastern Star, having attended the Grand Chapter at Galveston. She felt that Women's Christian Temperance Union served a most worthwhile purpose, and for this reason she was a most active member in this organization. Her home was ever a mecca for her relatives, her neighbors, and her friends. She was truly a real Christian.

William, her brother and his wife, Mattie, had eight children. Two sons died in infancy. Others were Ernest, Charlie, Alice, Ann, Willie, and Frank. Willie died at 17 years of age while the rest of them have all finished college and married. Frank died a few years ago.

Ed, her youngest brother, and his wife, Mamie, had fourteen children with one dying in infancy. They are Thames, John, Claude, Lenora, Mary, Minnie Mae, Edna, Clara, Roxie, Silas, Earl, Lawrence, and Cullen. Clara

died at twelve years of age. The other twelve have graduated from college and have married. Thames died in 1960. Ed and Mamie celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their home in Fort Worth in 1942.

JOHN GRAIN
BAPTIST MINISTER

1/13/1866-
BERRYMAN on
1 Mar 15, 1874-
mostly in
ug 27, 1868-
ERRYMAN on
Oct. 11, 1955

1/6/1911-
ET ELIZABETH
910.

3/6/1924- Dec 3, 1952
CHERRY on
1 Oct. 20, 1879-

<u>BIRDIE - Died in Infancy</u>			
JOHN WHITAKER (1887-1953)	Married SUDIE WALKER	DELORES	BILLY
CORA (1890-)	Married EARL TABOR	Married BILL GAGE	
BEULAH (1893-)	Married JOE MATTHEWS	MAURINE	
CHARLES (1896-)	Married CARRIE MAR McDADE	CHARLES EDWIN	DIANE
WILBUR (1899-)	Married LOTTIE McBRIDE	Married RUTH SEAL	PEGGY JEAN
NEWELL (1891-1924)	Married LOUISE MOORE	NANCY	RANDY
		Married HARRY SLACK	HARRY JR.
		WILMA LOIS	
		Married EDDIE DOWLEN	MARK
		JACK	JULIE
		Married PEARL PRYOR	JANET
		NEWELL - Died 1935.	CONNIE
			JO JACK
		JACK	
		Married BOUTWELL - Died	JAN
		Married JEAN HOWARD	
		SAM	AUTUMN
			Married KATHLEEN POWELL Mother of MIKE USSERY
		CHRISTINE (1898-)	SUSAN
		Married C.G. "PETE" GARDNER	
		ROBERT (1896-)	RICHARD
		Married LOIS JERMAN	
		LOIS K.	
		Married JERRY BROWN	
		CONSTANCE	GARY
		Married Dr. J.C. WILLIAMS	
		CONSTANCE (1901-)	PEGGY ANN
		Married HAROLD McCABE	
		MARJORIE	STEPHEN
		Married H.C. KAYLOR	
		BILL	CONNIE SUE
		CLARA (1903-)	
		Married W. J. STONE	
		SARA	ROBERT MITCHELL
			Married ROBERT M. BROOKS
		SUSAN	ROSEMARY
			Married SIDNEY K. ADLER
		NANCY	
			STEPHEN SCOTT
		MARION	DONNA CAROL
			ELIZABETH ANN
		Married ELMER HAZLITT	
		DAVE JOE	DAVID
			ELMER FRED JR.
			ALAN
			CHRIS
		CAROLYN	KIT
			Married B.W. CONRAD
		Infant Boy	SCOTT
		WALTON (1940-1960)	
			COLLIER DAVE
			LESAH JANE
		MAURICE (1901-)	
		Married ANNIE LAURIE WILLIAMS	
		CHARLOTTE	JOEL ELLIS
			Married EDDIE SLAY
		NEWTON (1908-)	
		DOROTHY JANE	
		Married FAYE BELL	
		JOHN CLYDE (July 6, 1911-)	JOHN WALTER
		Married ROMA McDowell on	Born July 11, 1944
		June 15, 1938. Born April 27, 1911	JAMES CALVIN
		Daughter of W.W. & FLORA	Born July 6, 1948
		HUNTER MC DOWELL	SAM H. JR. (Oct 9-13, 1945)
		SAM HARRISON (Oct 26, 1917-)	Infant Girl (Jan. 8, 1947)
		Married PATRICIA EILEEN WARD	STEVEN WARD
		on Sept. 4, 1942. Born Aug. 7, 1920.	Born Dec 25, 1950
		Daughter of BARTHOLOMEW ROBERT	
		WARD (Aug 24, 1893-Nov 27, 1955) & RUTH	SUSAN EILEEN
		MC DONALD WARD (Nov 29, 1893-June 6, 1950)	Born July 25, 1954
		CULLEN MALONE (Sept 10, 1920-)	MICHAEL MALONE
		Married VIRGINIA Raftery Jan 16,	Born Aug 14, 1944
		1943. Born Nov 20, 1919. Daughter of	KAREN ELIZABETH
		WILLIAM COSMOS & FLORENCE	Born Sept 23, 1949
		PARR Raftery	
		LELIA (1900-)	
		Married FRANK BARBANO	
		HORACE (1903-)	
		Married FAYE DAVIS	
		MARY (1917-)	
		Married OTHO KING	
		EDITH (1918-1934)	
		MARY LELIA	WALTER ASA III
			Married WALTER ASA SAUNDERS, JR.

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WILLIAM CRAIN

JOHN CRAIN
BAPTIST MINISTER

JOHN W. CRAIN

NEWTON CRAIN

MADISON G. CRAIN

JOEL CRAIN (1762-1844)

YOUNGEST OF 7 SONS
All in War for IndependenceELIZABETH
Married HENDERSON
Lived in West TennesseeMILDRED
Married JESSE BURDITT
Lived in Austin, TexasCLARA
Married WOODS
Moved to ArkansasROSAMUND
Married BURDITTJOHN
Died When YoungAMBROSE
Married MARY BURDITT
(Sister of Jesse)NEWEL WALTON
Married ELIZABETH WOMACK

WILLIAM CRAIN

RODDEN T.
Married MISS MCKENZIEJOEL CRAIN (1762-1844)
Married MRS. BLANKENSHIP

GILES BURDITT

JOHN WHITAKER (Jan. 22, 1829 - Nov. 11, 1912)

Died in Hudsonville, Miss.
WILLIAM (1740-1812)Married NANCY E. WHITAKER
in 1824 - Daughter of
WILLIAM & ELIZABETH HAMMOND
WHITAKER - Died in 1842

WILLIAM BURDITT

ALLEN BURDITT

NEWELL BURDITT

HENRY NEWTON BURDITT

MINOS BURDITT

JESSE BURDITT

MARTHA BURDITT

Married ANDREW DAVIDSON

LAYINA BURDITT

Married DR. JOSEPH ROWE

CLARA BURDITT

Married WOODS - Moved to Arkansas

ROSAMOND BURDITT

Died in her teens

JOEL BURDITT

WILLIAM HAMPTON

EMILY

HULEN

NEWELL WALTON

PATIENCE

NANCY

RACHEL

JOHN WALKER

ADALINE

CARTER

ALEXANDER

NANCY

GILES BURDITT

RACHEL

MARTHA

AMBROSE

THOMAS RUSK

PURRUSS

ANN

HENRY WATERS (Aug. 27, 1868 -

Married HELLIE BERRYMAN on

Jan. 24, 1901. Died Oct. 11, 1955

JOHN WHITAKER (Jan. 22, 1829 - Nov. 11, 1912)

Born in Hardeman County, Tennessee near
Grand Junction. Married MARGARET MARIAH
MCKNIGHT on May 11, 1853. Died Nov. 2, 1854.

Married MANEURAH PHERIBA HARRISON -

on Nov. 12, 1857 - Born Aug. 6, 1835 in

Alabama. Died Jan. 23, 1888. Buried

in Nocona with JOHN WHITAKER

MARTHA ANN (Aug. 23, 1832 - Jan. 5, 1884)

Married JOHN M. SPARKS - Had 2

Children - Son, WILLIAM MARION &

Daughter, DORA, who married JOHN G.

ORTON - Lived in Nacogdoches, Tex.

NEWELL WALTON (May 25, 1835 - Sept. 30, 1864)

Married MARTHA A. HAWKINS - Had two

daughters - LILY, married THOMAS JOHNSON -

INA, married RICHARD JURNEY -

N.W. killed in Civil War in Mississippi

ELIZABETH

Un-named Son

BIRDIE - Died in Infancy

JOHN WHITAKER (1887-1953)

Married SUDIE WALKER

CORA (1870-)

Married EARL TABOR

BEULAH (1893-)

Married JOE MATTHEWS

CHARLES (1896-)

Married CARRIE MAE McDADE

WILBUR (1899-)

Married LOTTIE McBRIDE

NEWELL (1871-1924)

Married LOUISE MOORE

HAROLD (1893-1954)

Married LAURA PINSON

JOHN WHITAKER (1887-1953)

Married BOUTWELL - Died

Married JEAN HOWARD - JAN

SAM - AUTUMN

Married KATHLEEN POWELL

Mother of MIKE USSERY

DELORES

Married BILL GAGE

MAURINE

Married GWYNNE BROWN

DIANE

CHARLES EDWIN

Married RUTH SEAL

PEGGY JEAN

NANCY

RANDY

WILLIAM LOIS

MARK

JULIE

JACK

WANET

CONNIE

NO JACK

JACK

Married BOUTWELL - Died

Married JEAN HOWARD - JAN

SAM

AUTUMN

Married KATHLEEN POWELL

Mother of MIKE USSERY

SUSAN

LOIS K.

RICHARD

CHRISTINE (1894-)

Married C.G. "PETE" GARDNER

ROBERT (1896-)

Married LOIS JERMAN

SUSAN

RICHARD

CARMEN (1898-)

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STEPHEN SCOTT

DONNA CAROL

ELIZABETH ANN

DAVID

ELMER FRED JR.

ALAN

CHRIS

KIT

SCOTT

WALTON (1940-1960)

COLLIER DAVE

ANNELA (1900-)

DAVE JOE

LESAH JANE

Married LILLAH JANE SMITH

CHARLOTTE

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KAREN ELIZABETH

Born Sept. 23, 1949

WALTER ASA III

Married WALTER ASA SAUNDERS, JR.

CRAIN FAMILY

WILLIAM			
Married 1			
	FRANK BOYD	AMY MARGARET	
	Married MATTIE		
	ANN		
	IRY		
	JOHN		
	LELLA		
EDWARD VANCE	SARAH	DONE WILEY	
Married ELIZABETH	Married CUL		
GILLESPIE	BUR		
	Died Young		
	ENA	MARY	JAMES
	Married MR. HILL	Married Mr HAROLDSON	
		HARRISON	GORDON
	W. A. SIMPSON	Married LUCILE GORDON	Married MARILYN HENRY
	LE (Died Young)		
	E (Died Young)		
ED	Married MARGE	GEORGE, JR.	HOPE
	Married BERTHA THOMAS	Married RENATA WILKES	HOLLY
			THOMAS

CRAIN FAMILY

ON FAMILY

VANCE

See CRAIN FAMILY

JONNIE LOU

CHARLES
Married RUTH DEAN

CATHY

THOMAS GUNN

FAMILY

ERNEST

Infant Son Died

Infant Son Died

CHARLIE

ALICE

ANN

WILLIE

FRANK

JOHN

MARGARET ELIZABETH

SARAH

JOHN CHARLES CLAUDE

CLYDE EDWARD

THAMES

JOHN

CLAUDE

LENORA

MARY

MINNIE MAE

EDNA

Infant

CLARA

ROXIE

SILAS

EARL

LAWRENCE

CULLEN

ED
Married MAMIE GUNN

VANCE FAMILY

THOMAS GUNN

ELISHA GUNN

RICHARD GUNN

Married MISS HAWTHORNE

MRS MARGARET TUCKER HILL

WILLIAM

Married MATTIE GUNN

Infant Son Died

CHARLIE

ALICE

ANN

WILLIE

FRANK

JOHN

SARAH

Married ELIZABETH GILLESPIE

Married CULLEN GUNN

CLYDE EDWARD

THAMES

JOHN

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Infant

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EARL

LAWRENCE

CULLEN

AMY

Married JOHN A. BOYD

DR. FRANK BOYD

AMY MARGARET

Married MATTIE CORINNE

ELMIRA

Married HENRY WATERS BERRYMAN

HENRY

JIM

ANNELA

MALONE WILEY

WILBUR

SAM

Girl - Died Young

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ALMENA

Married Mr. HILL JIM

MARY

Married Mr. HAROLDSON HARRISON

JAMES

Married W.A. SIMPSON GORDON

CATHERINE

Married LUCILE GORDON SHARON

Married MARILYN HENRY JERRI

SAMUEL T. HARRISON

Married Ann

JOHN MALONE

Married SUE KNOX
Married MRS. BIRDWELL

ABASALOM CLINTON

Was Married

MANEURAH (1835-1888)

Married JOHN WHITAKER
CRAIN on Nov. 12, 1857

MYRTLE (Died Young)

LINNIE (Died Young)

GEORGE

Married BERTHA THOMAS

GEORGE, JR.

Married RENATA WILKES

HOPE

HOLLY

THOMAS

See CRAIN FAMILY

HARRISON FAMILY

CHARLIE

JOE

CULLEN BOLEYN

Mar. SARAH, ELLEN VANCE Dec 3, 1894
Infant

MARTHA (MATTIE)

MARY (MAMIE)

GEORGIA

JERUSAHA

JENSIE

ROXIE

LIVY

THAMES

LENA MAE

Infant

MARGARET ELIZABETH

Mar. JOHN MALONE CRAIN Sept 4, 1910

See CRAIN FAMILY

JONNIE LOU

JOHN CHARLES CLAUDE

Married LOLIE HALBERT

CHARLES

Married RUTH DEAN

CATHY

THOMAS GUNN

ELISHA GUNN

RICHARD GUNN

Married MISS HAWTHORNE

MRS MARGARET TUCKER HILL

GUNN FAMILY

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